

Summit on Standards Repositories: Sharing Best Standards

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On August 8th, ISE partners came together to discuss how to reuse different departments and agencies' [standards](#) ^[4] and best practices and use them throughout the government to enable [assured interoperability](#) ^[5] across different departments, domains, and levels of government. This is critically important because the national security threats we face do not exist within the jurisdiction of a single department, domain, or level of government, but rather transcend several.

Standards Repositories

At this summit on standards repositories, the Intelligence Community (IC) provided a presentation and demonstration of the Enterprise Repository and Registry (ER2), and the Department of Defense (DoD) provided a demonstration of their DoD Information Technology Standards and Profile Registry (DISR). These are among the most mature of the standards repositories and registries in use within government today and represent a model for collaboration. Participants focused on the need for a government enterprise-level repository and registry for standards encompassing not only the federal government, but state, local and tribal governments. They also were very interested in how standards would be processed by the Standards Working Group and the governance provided for the enterprise-level repository and registry, as well as how the working group will interoperate with existing standards organizations (both governmental and private), such as [NIST](#) ^[6], [CNSS](#) ^[7], [OMG](#) ^[8], and [Oasis](#) ^[9].

Way Forward

As a result of the meeting, the Standards Working Group (under the [Information Sharing and Access Interagency Policy Committee](#) ^[10]) is formalizing a process for identifying, achieving consensus on, and institutionalizing the reuse of standards across the government.

A great deal of progress was made through these discussions, and a report on the summit will be released by the end of August detailing the way forward. Attendees were enthusiastic about the potential for leveraging the good work being done within individual communities and making progress on bringing those efforts to bear for broader effect.

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